In Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, teaching of yoga was started on an experimental basis and Yoga Teachers were appointed in the then pay scale of Rs. 425-640 which was later revised to Rs. 1400-2300. Subsequently it was decided to integrate yoga teaching with Physical Education programme in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and that yoga teachers be appointed as Physical Education Teachers on regular basis in the pay scale of Rs. 1400-2600, after attaining the minimum academic and professional qualifications for the post.

Yoga Teachers on Ad-hoc Basis

4409. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Yoga teachers are working in Kendriya Vidyalayas on ad-hoc basis for the last ten years:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to regularise their services?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c): The teaching of Yoga was started on an experimental basis and has been reviewed several times. Keeping in view these reviews of the scheme, it was decided to integrate Physical Education and Yoga, giving Physical Education Teachers (PETs) training in Yoga and requiring yoga teachers to acquire adequate training in Physical Education. Twenty-four yoga teachers who possessed qualifications of PETs were appointed as such.

The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan nominated Yoga Teachers to undergo a special B.P.Ed. (Summer Course) in 3 semesters in Laxmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE). Out of 95 yoga teachers who have acquired the qualifications of B.P.Ed., 76 have opted for being regularised as PETs.

Entrance Examination for Indian Institutes of Technology

4410. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entrance examination for the Indian Institutes of Technology are now being held in languages other than English also:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The question papers for Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) from 1990 and subsequent years are being provided in English and Hindi. Students are allowed to answer these papers in all major Indian languages, in which 10+2 examinations are conducted, as per VIII Schedule of the Constitution along with English.

Assistance to SCs/STs Candidates for Competitive Examinations

4411. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide assistance to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates for appearing in the examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission and Nationalised Banks for the post of officers:

(b) if so, the number of candidates assisted and the amount spent for different examinations during the last three years; and

(c) the number of successful candidates who had been assisted by the Government for different examinations during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected from the State Governments/ UTs Administrations and the Universities.

Sale of Drugs under Genuine Names

4412. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Union Government to direct drug manufacturers to sell drugs under their genuine names and discontinue the use of brand names;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such steps are likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, vide notification GSR No. 27(E) dated 17-1-81, had provided, in the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, that preparations containing any new drug as the single active ingredient and drugs containing any of the following as single ingredient shall be marketed only under generic name and not brand names:

(1) Analgin

(2) Aspirin and its salts

(3) Chlorpromazine and its salts

(4) Ferrous Sulphate

(5) Piperzine and its salts.

The said notification was challenged in the Delhi High Court by M/s Hoechst Pharmaceuticals, Bombay, and many others in 1982. The High Court had held that the operative clause of the notification was illegal and ultravires of both the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and other laws and Articles 14 and 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution. A special leave petition was filed by the Central Government against this judgement in the Supreme Court in November, 1982. Though the petition was admitted on 1st December, 1983, the request to stay the operation of the judgement of the High Court was not granted.

Fly Ash Conversion Plants by D.D.A.

4413. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:

SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has approved the setting up of two fly ash conversion plants behind Raj Ghat along the banks of the Yamuna;

(b) whether setting up of these projects could prove to be a major environmental hazard to Raj Ghat, Shantivan and all the green areas along Yamuna; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Cultural Heritage of Himalayas

4414. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared a scheme to promote, preserve and develop the cultural heritage of Himalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and